

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 978

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2015

RE: H.B. No. 604

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Higher Education and the Arts, to which was referred H.B. No. 604 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SAKADA DAY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to designate December 20 of each year as Sakada Day in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Consulate General of the Republic of the Philippines, COVO Foundation, Kona Visayan Club, United Filipino Council of Hawaii, and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that approximately one hundred twenty thousand contract laborers from the Philippines, or "Sakadas", arrived in Honolulu to work in the plantation industry between 1906 and 1934. This measure is a fitting recognition of the role of the Sakadas in Hawaii's history and the legacy of hard work, dedication, and love for the land that they gave to generations of Filipinos that followed.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 604, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Higher Education
and the Arts,



BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



Record of Votes
Committee on Higher Education and the Arts
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